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Issues with iSIS 'resolved,' says chief information officer

Just under two days of malfunctions cause delays in financial, academic processes

Andy Rao
Editor-in-Chief

After roughly two days of technical difficulties, iSIS is rid of the bug that caused it to divulge potentially sensitive information to the wrong students and prevented some students from accessing the system.

"There was a period of time on Monday afternoon when some students could actually view another student's class schedule online," said Ken Stafford, chief information officer and vice provost for information technology services, who was unavailable for comment until Wednesday. "We have made sure that the bug was tracked and fixed; the issue has been resolved."

Brogan Dieker, senior in secondary education and English, was one of many K-State students, staff and faculty members who experienced extreme technical difficulties while trying to access their iSIS accounts on Monday and Tuesday.

After Dieker logged into her iSIS account on Monday, she proceeded to the Student Center to check her schedule for the first day of fall classes. Instead, however, Dieker found a different student's schedule.

"It looked like it was my iSIS account when I first opened it," Dieker said. "But when I actually looked a little closer, it had someone else's name on it, along with mine."

Stafford hypothesized that the issues were mainly caused by stress on the server from the high amount of activity that is usually associated with the first week of the semester.

"I think we can probably attribute a lot of the issues to just the levels of activity that happened online on Monday," Stafford said. "We had about 37,000 people logged in that day, which could explain some of the problems."

Dieker brought attention to the issue by taking a screenshot of her



K-State's student network iSIS was disabled all day Monday until Tuesday evening due to the influx of activity from the beginning of the fall semester. Students such as Kaitlyn Sterneker, freshman in kinesiology, were unable to check their class schedules or add and drop a class causing campus-wide frustrations. The problem with the network was eventually fixed by Tuesday evening.

compromised account and emailing it to K-State technical support.

Within a few minutes, staff members responded.

"We made sure to take the system down and found the bug," Stafford said. "Everything should be up and running fine, and we are now in the process of contacting the students who we think may have had this issue with their account."

Despite Stafford's assurances that no financial information was revealed to others, Dieker said she was still frustrated at how easily accessible other personal information could have been.

"Just the fact that someone

could have seen my schedule, contact information and literally where I was during the whole day was pretty scary," she said.

For other students, the system malfunction was more of an inconvenience. Many students have yet to make various payments, adjust to their new class schedules and add or drop courses, all of which were delayed or halted by iSIS's two-day hiatus from functionality.

"The past couple days I haven't been able to get into my iSIS account and I've also had a lot of trouble getting into my Webmail," said Krista King, freshman in music education.

King said her first couple of days

at K-State have been more hectic than she had anticipated.

"No matter what time I got on, it only let me look at my schedule or email for like five minutes before it would just kick me out," she said. "Being a freshman, it's kind of hard because I can't find all of my classes and be where I'm supposed to be on time."

Stafford apologized for the technical difficulties, saying that he and the rest of the staff will continue to work diligently in order to prevent a similar situation from occurring.

"This kind of thing shouldn't happen again," he said. "We are taking the appropriate steps to make sure that students who were

affected are notified. Obviously, we can't stop everything, but we will definitely try to ensure that we take care of as much as we possibly can."

Stafford also encouraged all students to keep their eyes out for any other issues that they notice and said he hoped that students were proactive about their Internet and information security.

"There are all kinds of things that can cause major problems," he said. "Keep your eyes out for spam; we have people whose online accounts are compromised by phishing on a daily basis. Learn to protect yourself, and keep in mind that we are here to help."

K-State fraternity wins top international award for first time

Austin Nichols
news editor

It took almost a century, but the Acacia fraternity finally received top honors after 99 years on K-State's campus.

Acacia was presented with the Malcolm Award for outstanding commitment to community service, a top record of academic excellence and strong leadership programming at the 57th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy. This honor is awarded to the top Acacia Chapter across the United States and Canada.

Besides the Malcolm Award, 17 other individual awards were handed out. The K-State chapter received six of these for campus leadership, financial operations, chapter programming and membership development, excellence in communication technology, academic programming and alumni advising.

"We accept it humbly,"

said Garrett Kennedy, chapter president and junior in agronomy. "If anything, it's recognition for the past work of the people who have gone before us."

Kennedy wanted to ensure that this was not an opportunity to pat themselves on the back but instead an opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work.

"It was a rewarding experience," said Matthew McHenry, senior in accounting, about his time at the conclave.

The conclave, which is held every two years, was on Aug. 4 in St. Louis, and Acacia's success mirrors their mission of personal growth, lifelong friendships and human service. McHenry said that his main focus as a member of Acacia is brotherhood.

"That's what it comes down to is hard work," said Chris Dolezal, May 2012 graduate in biological systems engineering. "It's a testament to the hard work we put in the



Acacia members pose with the Malcolm Award at the 57th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy on Aug. 4 in St. Louis. The award recognizes top community service, academic excellence and leadership.

past 13 years."

In 1991, the K-State Acacia chapter was shut down, but through the work of alumni and the support of Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, Acacia was able to come back to campus, according to Kennedy.

"We've gone from being re-founded in 2001 with four people to winning and international award," McHenry said.

It has been a success story about the long road the members of Acacia have traveled to get to where they are now, Kennedy said.

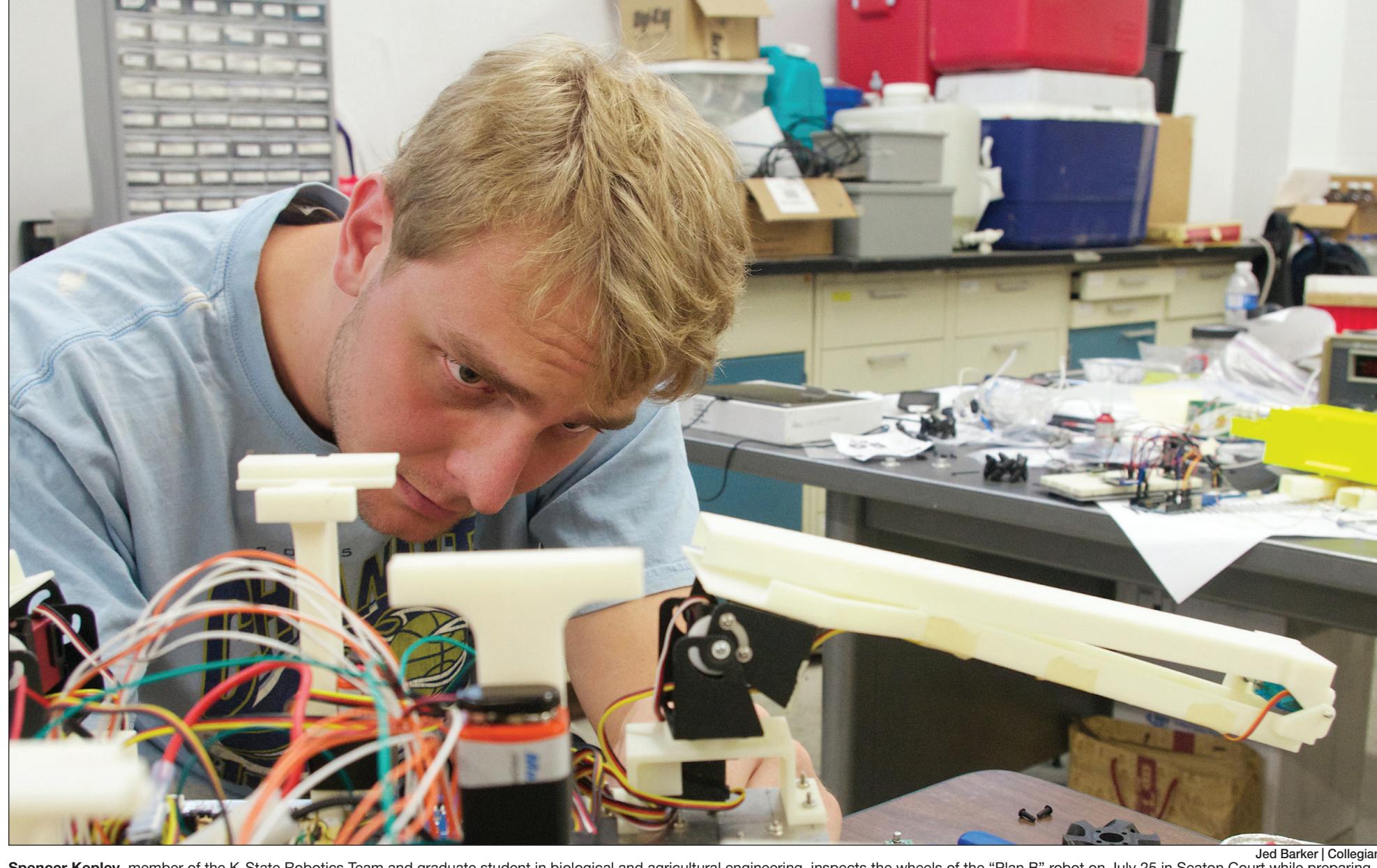
Dolezal worked hard to improve the fraternity during his time in the house as president for one year and secretary and treasurer for two years.

His goal was to improve recruitment, so he created a new member development program and was able to

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University robotics team claims sixth consecutive victory



Spencer Kepley, member of the K-State Robotics Team and graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, inspects the wheels of the "Plan B" robot on July 25 in Seaton Court while preparing for competition. The team won the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Robotics Competition, held from July 27 to Aug. 1, for the sixth year in a row.

Team of 11 continues perfect winning streak in international competition

Darrington Clark
managing editor

The K-State Robotics Team continued a winning tradition by earning its sixth consecutive victory at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Robotics Competition, held July 29 through Aug. 1. The ASABE tournament began in 2006, and the robotics team has never lost the competition.

The robotics team contributes its success to each member's drive to win. Naiqian

Zhang, professor of biological and agricultural engineering and adviser of the team, says that a winning attitude is what he expects.

"Our team slogan is, 'We don't go to compete. We go to win,'" Zhang said.

Members of the robotics team said they take this message seriously. Jared Barker, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, said that the time and effort involved was worth the win.

"We all take this seriously. This isn't a pastime for us," Barker said. "Our people stick with us all throughout. We are extremely dedicated to the team."

The ASABE robotics competition is international, meaning the K-State team competes with

schools across the nation and around the world in a contest to see which team can build a robot to efficiently complete an agricultural-specific task set for it by the ASABE. A new task and information is sent to the competing schools every year.

"As soon as the idea for the next tournament is published, we go into design," Zhang said.

This year's event was to build a robot to feed cattle in a feeding trough. The team built two robots, named Plan A and Plan B, each of which utilizes a different method to accomplish the same objective.

"Plan A is the main competition robot," Barker said. "Plan B is also built for competition; it's actually the goal. This year, it just turned out that Plan A worked better."

Each competing team builds their own robots with no knowledge of the competitors' versions. K-State's robotics team splits into groups to build both robots. The process is recorded through photos and video, but it is strictly forbidden to publish, post or print any media recorded for the machines.

"We're very secretive about what we build," Barker said. "Everyone is wondering what the other team is doing, and you begin to hear rumors about other teams' robots. It goes to show how serious we are about the event. It's interesting, actually."

Undergoing proper preparation for the competition can, and often does, span months of time. Barker and Xu "Kevin"

Wang, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, both agreed that the time-consuming process directly resulted in defending K-State's title at the tournament.

"The reason we put some much time into it is because of our slogan," Wang said. "We are there to win the competition."

Winning means staying in the robotics lab in 134 Seaton Hall for hours of work.

"We started working this year in January," Barker said. "We'd stay in the lab until 3 to 5 a.m. and then come back in that morning. Working over the summer was especially intense. It took up my entire summer."

The process is so long and extensive because the team designs, builds and tests so thor-

oughly.

"We test the robots for an entire month," Zhang said. "During that time, we find every problem and fix that problem so we are fully prepared. We go over every detail and leave no stone unturned."

Wang believes that kind of security is the key to K-State's success.

"We prepare for the worst conditions," Wang said. "That's how we win."

With the streak of victory upheld once more, the team looks to the future and begins planning for next year. That planning involves recruitment.

"We're glad to have experienced people along with new

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Multicultural mixer brings new, returning students together

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Laughter and music filled the air on Wednesday as the K-State Student Union Court-yard provided a venue for new and returning students to become familiar with multicultural student organizations.

The Multicultural Mixer was hosted by the Student Governing Association and facilitated by Tyrone Williams, the multicultural affairs director of the SGA and a senior in dance, business management and social economics.

"This event was pivotal for the K-State community because it allows us to showcase many of our multicultural student organizations all at one time in one place," Williams said. "There are so many groups who were here who host major events on campus. This was the opportune time for freshmen to know who these people are and how to get involved."

Although the Week of Welcome features a wide range of events, the mixer provided the first opportunity of the semester for several multicultural groups to gather in one place. "I am excited to have something like this for the multicultural student organization community," said Anita Eastwood, president of the Black Student Union and senior in fine arts. "This is the Week of Welcome, and we are glad we are able to be a part of this week too."

While numerous organizations were present, the four

largest groups that tabled at the event were BSU, the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Asian American Student Union. There were

sweet and sugary on the inside and wrapped in rice paper that you are also supposed to eat."

This mixer was created to give students the chance to mingle with groups on campus they have not been in-

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Multicultural Affairs Director

also many smaller organizations represented to network with new students.

"I met with the people at the AASU table and I learned a lot from their table," said William Duren, sophomore in electrical engineering. "They were handing out free food, and I really liked that."

Elizabeth Yang, president of AASU and junior in business management, said the group was hoping for more recruitment and more people who are interested in the organization. Yang said the group wants to continue to spread the word of AASU to all members of the K-State community whether they identify as Asian American or not.

"We have talked to students about what our organization is all about," Yang said. "We were offering students who stopped at our table free fortune cookies and candies. We had white rabbit candies here, which are

introduced to yet. Williams said he wanted new students to meet members of these organizations and to get involved and connected with fellow students.

"I just wanted everyone to have a good time," Williams said. "I have planned previous events where everything was planned to a T — everything was meticulously planned out. This was more of a free-flow type of event. Students were able to just come and go as they pleased, and talk to as many or as few people as they wanted to."

Every organization was able to speak with students who came up to their tables. Members of HALO interacted with students by educating them about the leadership opportunities for Hispanic Americans in the K-State community.

"We are open for members to join our organization, especially freshmen," said David

Zaccaro, member of HALO and freshman in political science. "As a freshman, it can be hard or intimidating making new friends. We welcome students into our organization for them to feel like they have a second home here at K-State with people who are similar to themselves."

There was free ice cream supplied by Call Hall and dis-

tributed by the members of the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences student organization. Jacqueline Tinoco, member of MANNRS and sophomore in animal sciences and industry, said she had never gone to something like this before.

While students milled around the Union courtyard,

Mychal Davis, graduate student in public health, provided music to accompany the information distributed by the organizations.

"This all comes down to fellowship," Williams said. "New students were able to interact in the ... multicultural community beginning with their freshman year if they were to have come out to this event."

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Chemical in antibacterial soaps could pose hazard to humans

Triclosan under FDA investigation for causing skeletal, muscular harm in animal trials

Darrington Clark
managing editor

Antibacterial soaps have become a staple in modern day personal hygiene, appearing excessively in dispensers and on store counters. Since the 1970s, triclosan, an organic compound, has been used as an active antibacterial agent. Recently, however, the scientific community has put the use of this ingredient into question.

Studies done by two professors from the University of California-Davis have linked triclosan to skeletal and cardio muscle failure. It is also reported to impair normal muscle function in the brain and heart. Triclosan appears in name-brand hygiene products, including Suave, Old Spice, Avon, Dawn, Palmolive and Gillette.

Julie Gibbs, assistant director of Lafene Health Center, says that triclosan was introduced into health products for a good reason.

"At first, scientists thought that triclosan added a benefit to antibacterial products," Gibbs said. "But now we know that is not the case."

The Food and Drug Administration now shows that triclosan does not aid antibacterial products in any way. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also has no record of any

health effects caused by triclosan. "Triclosan is currently under investigation by the FDA," Gibbs said. "While it is still under investigation, I would be wary for the time being."

Isaac Pessah, professor of molecular bioscience, and Bruce Hammock, professor of entomology, published a report of their results after studying the chemical triclosan at University of California-Davis on July 13. The doctors defined triclosan as "a high-production-volume chemical" that can inhibit cardiac and skeletal muscle in large doses. Triclosan appears as a main or active ingredient in products such as soaps, toothpastes and other everyday items like children's toys and bedding sheets.

While triclosan has been only recently introduced to hygiene products, the chemical itself has shown up in scientific studies before.

"I'm aware of the use of triclosan as an antibacterial," said Lynn Hancock, associate professor of biology. "I'm aware of other studies about it, but not this one."

Hancock said that triclosan has been reported in lakes and streams, as it is not filtered out of water supplies. This may also be a result of the amount of triclosan already absorbed by humans; triclosan has appeared in human urine and breast milk. The negative effects of triclosan were pinpointed by Pessah and Hammock's study.

"What led to triclosan's investigation is animal testing," Gibbs said. "Those tests showed that it might cause more damage than it does good."

does good." Pessah and Hammock used mice and fish to test triclosan. Their report labeled triclosan as a "pollutant of growing concern to human and environmental health."

Frank Blecha, associate dean

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Julie Gibbs
assistant director of Lafene Health Center

of research for the College of Veterinary Medicine, said that the animal testing of triclosan was probably as accurate as possible, but the unknown factors still make a difference.

"Scientists go to great lengths to make sure that animals used in testing are as accurate models as possible," Blecha said. "Most effects seen in animals will translate to humans, but not all. It all depends on the model."

Though the effects of skeletal and muscle impairment did appear in the animals, triclosan is not considered to be a mass public harm, yet.

"Nothing with triclosan in it is

known to be hazardous to humans," Gibbs said.

Blecha said that even lab testing must be measured for all variables.

"You have to look at everything," Blecha said. "Dosage, body weight, amount of exposure. All of these things need to be considered."

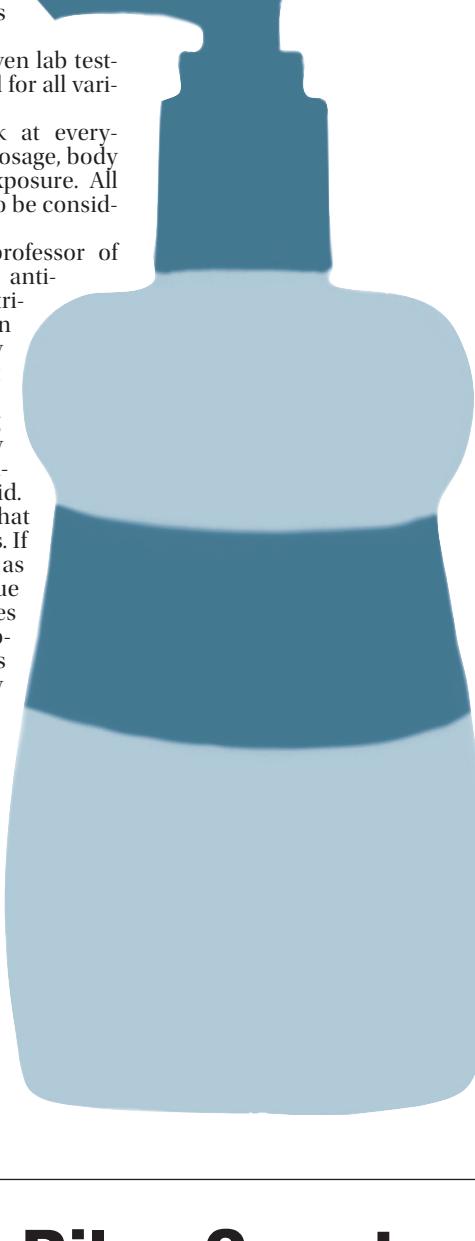
Timothy Musch, professor of kinesiology, said that antibacterial soaps with triclosan would not be on the market now if they were dangerous, but mistakes can happen.

"Animal lab testing is necessary for any sort of drug or compound," Musch said.

"The progression is that you start with animals. If something shows up as toxic, you don't pursue it. However, sometimes certain things get approved and later it's discovered that they have unacceptable human side effects."

Triclosan remains under FDA investigation. Until more information has been released on triclosan, Gibbs plans to check the labels on the soaps and toothpastes that she buys.

"It's always good to be a little cautious," Gibbs said. "I always say, 'Everything in moderation.'"



West Nile virus plagues nation; no cases in Riley County yet

WEST NILE VIRUS FACTS

The West Nile Virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause a mild fever to encephalitis (swelling of the brain) or meningitis (swelling of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord) in humans and other mammals.

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fever
body aches
skin rash
swollen lymph glands
headaches
muscle weakness
convulsions
coma
death

-First outbreak in 1999 in New York; 62 people died.
-In 2002, 284 people died; WNV was recorded in 39 states and the District of Columbia.

Minimizing mosquito attacks on people is currently the only effective prevention of WNV. This may be achieved by using personal insect repellants when out of doors and the eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites on your property and in the neighborhood.

10 TIPS TO HELP PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES

1. Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are likely to be biting.
2. If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, cover up by wearing shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
3. Apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin or on clothing.
4. Maintain screening on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.
5. Empty standing water from buckets, tin cans, plastic containers, flower pots, or similar water-holding containers.
6. Make sure roof gutters drain properly, clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
7. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered.
8. Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
9. Eliminate any standing water that collects on your property.
10. Encourage neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

facts from epa.gov

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edge editor

The U.S. is bracing itself against one of the worst outbreaks of the West Nile virus ever recorded. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this is the largest number of reported cases since 2004 and one of the largest since the disease was first detected in the U.S. in 1999.

As of Wednesday, 1,221 cases were reported in 38 states, resulting in at least 43 deaths. The majority of cases have been reported in Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota and Oklahoma, while the state hit hardest by the virus is Texas. 11 people have died from the virus in Dallas County alone, where officials have declared a state of emergency. Planes spraying pesticides to kill the disease-carrying mosquitoes have been crisscrossing the skies over the city. According to an Aug. 17 Yahoo News article, this is the first time the city of Dallas has used aerial spraying since 1966.

In Kansas, 33 cases have been confirmed, most of which were located in Sedgwick County. Patti Grub, communicable disease nurse for the Riley County Health Department, said there have not been any cases reported in Riley County at this time, but there has been one confirmed case in neighboring Pottawatomie County. The last case of West Nile in Riley County was recorded in 2009.

"We can assume we might have some cases," Grub said.

Grub said there is no cure for West Nile as it is a virus, but that it

is self-resolving, meaning people get better on their own. Most people do not show any symptoms of the virus, while some develop flu-like symptoms. Infants, children, adults over 50 and people who are immunocompromised are most at-risk. A vaccine does exist for horses and

"People should be aware of the West Nile virus activity in their area and take action to protect themselves and their family."

Marc Fischer
medical epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Grub recommended that farmers get their horses vaccinated to protect them.

"It is not clear why we are seeing more activity than in recent years," said Marc Fischer, medical epidemiologist at the CDC, in an Aug. 19 CNN article. "Regardless of the reasons for the increase, people should be aware of the West Nile virus activity in their area and take action to protect themselves and their family."

Grub advised people take steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites, recommending staying indoors in the evenings when mosquitoes are most active. He also suggested wearing mosquito repellent when outdoors and making sure there is no standing water on the property for mosquitoes to breed.

6 'super foods' to add to your diet: eggs, salmon and yogurt

Karen Ingram

edge editor

Anyone who is trying to eat healthier has probably heard the term "super foods," but figuring out what foods are "super" can be confusing. Everyone seems to have a different idea. I scoured different sources, including nutrition magazines, WebMD and newspaper articles to learn more.

Some claim that "super foods" help you lose weight. Others claim that they just make you more healthy overall because of their nutritional content. Still others make claims about their health benefits, including their abilities to ward off diseases. Each source has a list of foods, and these lists vary widely.

After doing some research, however, I did notice patterns emerge. It seems that no matter what the goal is, some foods are more "super" than others because they are touted by more experts. The following six "super foods" are the elite foods I found from multiple sources.

1. Salmon

All of the sources I've found tout salmon's health benefits, due mostly to its high omega-3 content. The American Heart Association recommends at least two servings per week to get the benefits, while a study by Public Health Nutrition found that women who ate at least

two to four servings per week had lower basal metabolic indexes, which is one of the measures of body fat. In addition to omega-3 fatty acids, salmon is also packed with protein and iron while low in calories — about 200 calories per 3-ounce serving.

2. Quinoa

What in the world is quinoa? I had never heard of it before. Quinoa (pronounced "keen-wa") is a whole grain that is high in protein, zinc, vitamin E and other nutrients. Native to South America, this special grain has gained popularity in recent years because of nutrition, amino acids, protein and ability to grow in many different climates. It can be eaten as a cereal grain or cooked into a light, fluffy texture similar to rice or couscous.

3. Eggs

The simple egg has had a tumultuous history in the world of nutrition, first slammed as bad because of its cholesterol content and then redeemed because it contains the good kind of cholesterol. So where do experts stand on eggs today? Still divided, unfortunately, but many recommend it. Eggs are higher in calories if you include the yolk, but overall they are an excellent source of protein, vitamins A and D and other nutrients like carotenoids, which are

needed for healthy eye function, and choline, which helps brain function. The International Journal of Obesity has also found that people who include eggs in their breakfast five days a week lost a whopping 65 percent more weight than those who shunned eggs. That's food for thought.

4. Sweet potatoes

If you're trying to watch your carbs, this may not be the food for you, but sweet potatoes also have lots of fiber, vitamins and potassium. Also, it does contain fewer calories than a regular potato, so if you're the meat-and-potatoes type and hate to lose one of your favorite

foods, this may be an alternative to try for better health.

5. Greek yogurt

I have been trying to watch my sugar, so I recently switched to Greek yogurt. It took me a couple of days to get used to it, because it is creamier in texture, but now I love it because regular yogurt tastes weird and way too sugary. Any yogurt is good for you because of the calcium, but Greek yogurt has twice as much protein and (gener-

ally) less sugar. Throw in the benefits of live and active cultures that aid in digestion and you've got a "super food" you can sink your teeth into. Well, sort of.

6. Berries

The two I've been seeing the most on super foods lists are blueberries and acai. Acai is all the rage right now, but blueberries are more readily available. While I can't verify all the claims out there about their cancer-

fighting properties (I see a lot of websites saying "studies" have been done, but few offer any names as to who actually conducted said "studies"), I can safely say that both are low in calories, high in fiber and contain crazy amounts of antioxidants.

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Passion for 'pipes



Ian Darrah, freshman in mechanical engineering, plays the bagpipes near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the east side of All Faiths Chapel on Wednesday. Darrah said he has had a passion for playing the bagpipes since he was a fifth-grader in Wichita.

Around the world

Darrington Clark
managing editor

New virus with AIDS-like symptoms developing in China, possibly spreading

Chinese media and web forums are reporting a mysterious new disease that causes symptoms similar to those of AIDS, although those with the disease are testing negative for HIV. Symptoms include night sweating, joint issues, vomiting, body aches and severe weight loss. The disease reportedly weakens the immune system and is highly contagious.

The virus can spread through any bodily fluid, including sweat, but has also been contracted through sexual contact and blood transfusion. Signs of this new disease began appearing in 2008, but the virus is now on its way to becoming an epidemic and spreading into bordering nations. The Chinese Health Ministry has begun conducting studies in six major cities, but conclusive data has yet to be found.

Red Cross reports 52 people killed in Kenya border clash yesterday morning

Border tension between cattle herders and farmers in Kenya led to a violent attack on a Kenyan village Wednesday. The Orma, a cattle-herding community, invaded a small stretch of land belonging to the farming Pokomo tribe. The invasion occurred last week, and yesterday the Pokomo tribe responded by attacking Orma huts, killing 52.

Disputes between the Pokomo and Orma tribes have been occurring in Kenya for several years now, mainly concerning issues of grazing and water, often resulting in violent situations that Kenyan police must diffuse. Many of those killed in the raids were Orma women and children.

Texas wishes to ban state funding of Planned Parenthood, federal court rules in favor

A federal court ruling that Texas is allowed to sever funding to clinics associated with Planned Parenthood.

The Texas Women's Health Program, which has been working closely with Planned Parenthood to provide check-ups, contraception and abortions to over 130,000 low-income women, has been in constant battle with state government concerning anti-abortion laws. This court ruling is one in many recent waves of attack against Planned Parenthood and abortion funding.

Planned Parenthood and the Texas Women's Health Program have not been extinguished from Texas funding, but access to resources from the companies may significantly decrease.

ROBOT | 'You can't get training like this' elsewhere

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members," Wang said.

The robotics team is open to all K-State students. Barker said that he hopes new people will approach the team with interest.

"Anyone can join. The focus is in agricultural engineering, but that doesn't mean we only allow agricultural engineers," Barker said. "We could use English majors. Whatever we need to do, anybody can do. You can get into it, if you're really willing to learn."

In the future, with enough members, it would be possible for K-State to participate in the tournament with two separate teams. It's only a possibility, but Barker said he is still excited for the chance.

More than anything, Barker said he enjoys the robotics team because of its educational benefits.

"The experience you get here will be difficult, but you won't get training like this anywhere else," Barker said. "It's really the complete package."



Kevin Wang, Spencer Kepley, Brent Ware, Yong Wei and Marvin Petingco, graduate students in biological and agricultural engineering and members of the K-State Robotics Team, pick up Airsoft pellets that missed the target at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Robotics Competition on July 31 in Dallas. The pellets were shot by a robot designed to simulate distribution of cattle feed.

Jed Barker | Collegian

ACACIA | Chapter aims to keep traveling award

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recruit the largest class up to that point, he said.

In 2010, however, 20 members were recruited, making it the new largest class in their 99-year history.

"I wanted a family atmosphere," Dolezal said. "Everyone felt welcome."

Michael Whinery, sophomore in chemical engineering and current secretary and treasurer, said he hopes that the Malcolm award will bring the alumni together more.

Kennedy said the chapter doesn't want to get complacent now that they have won a prestigious award. McHenry agreed, saying that he hopes that it will

only act as a motivator to keep working hard.

"It's a traveling trophy," Kennedy said. "We want to make sure it stays here."

Like Kennedy, Whinery hopes that the K-State Acacia chapter will continue to have success in the future.

"Our K-State Acacia chapter winning the Malcolm is a celebration of lots of hard work, determination and, most importantly, the incredible passion of alumni and undergraduates," Bosco said in an Aug. 22 press release.

"My heart-felt congratulations go to Acacia for earning this significant international award and bringing great recognition to the university and our greek community."

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ARREST REPORTS

Sunday, Aug. 19

Andre Delon McDonald, III, of the 2400 block of Himes Road, was booked for probation violation. No bond was set.

Jeffrey Michael Julmis, of the 1100 block of Newfoundland Drive, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Jonathan Shepherd Yates, of the 1500 block of Waterford Place, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Robert Wayne O'Neill, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and duty of driver to give information. Bond was set at \$300.

Ronald Araron Schneid, of Detroit, was booked for felony theft and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Monday, Aug. 20

Skyler Mae Arnold, of the 2400 block of Raspberry Circle, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Taleasa Jeanee Johnson, of the 700 block of North Juliette Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$100.

Sarah Lynn Johnson, of the 900 block of Ratone Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

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INDEPENDENT VOICE AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Alex Muff: a new season means a new start

Mark Kern
sports editor

As Friday's volleyball game approaches, Alex Muff, senior middle blocker, is preparing for her final season to begin. Muff, originally from Concordia, Kan., ranked sixth in the Big 12 Conference for blocks last season and was named to the Academic All-Big 12 First Team. She sat down with the Collegian on Wednesday.

Q: In high school, you were a three-sport athlete, playing volleyball and basketball and running track. What ultimately led you to decide to come to K-State and play volleyball?

A: "In high school, I really enjoyed track. It was kind of an individual sport, though, and I really like the team aspect of volleyball. I was super excited to get the chance and work with other people and work on that team aspect of the sport. Also, volleyball was not one of my biggest strengths in high school. It wasn't my best sport, and I really enjoyed the challenge of coming into something new and challenging myself."

Q: Going into last year, expectations were not extremely high outside of the locker room, as you were picked eighth out of nine teams in the conference, while this year you are picked to finish third. Can you talk about your mindset going into this year and if it is different at all from last year?

A: "As a team, we have decided that last year is in the past. The fact that we were picked third in the league

this year does put a target on our back. It is going to make us raise our expectations in order to meet other people's expectations. I think the most important thing for our team this year is to find a way to keep improving. We understand what was good enough last year will not be good enough for us this year. As a team, we have this mindset that last year was not good enough, and that we have to do whatever necessary to keep the spot and do even better."

Q: You return everyone from last year's team, except for Ashley Kelican. What are some advantages your team has in bringing almost everyone back?

A: "It is super important. We bring in one freshman and one walk-on. It is great to have the same team back. We know what each other needs on the floor and right now we are just trying to fine-tune things. We were able to do that in the summer. We got the chance to play with each other and work on communicating with one another and different things like that. That was something that was huge for us as a team. Being able to already have those foundations that we need to play well as a team — it was great and we just continue to build on that."

Q: Head coach Suzie Fritz shows a great passion for the game when she is coaching. How does she inspire you and your teammates to go out and bring your best game every night?

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Alex Muff, junior middle blocker, prepares to spike the ball back over the net against Oklahoma in Ahearn Field House on Nov. 9, 2011.

Two-minute drill

Victor Roy
staff writer

MLB The 50-year-old pitcher Roger Clemens signed with the Skeeters of Sugar Land Texas, part of the independent Atlantic League, in order to appear in the starting lineup at home versus Brigdeport on Saturday. Clemens hasn't played for a team in the five years since he was acquitted of two counts of perjury, three counts of making false charges and one count of obstructing Congress. It is unknown whether this will be a one-time appearance, as both the team and Clemens said they will wait until after this game to determine the future.

NFL

After injuring his ribs during Monday night's game against New England, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick underwent an MRI and CT scan on Tuesday, which confirmed that he has no broken bones or fractured cartilage. Vick has been injured in both preseason games, and the Eagles are considering resting him until the season opener against the Cleveland Browns.

NCAA

Texas Tech linebacker Daniel Cobb was dismissed from the team for violation of unspecified team rules after he was arrested and charged with felony burglary on Sunday. Cobb was released Tuesday after posting a \$5,000 bond. Information on whether he had an attorney was unavailable.

MLB

Oakland Athletics' Bartolo Colon became the second player in the past week to be suspended for testosterone use on Wednesday. On the season, Colon is 10-9 with a 3.43 ERA and has proven to be a key part of the Athletics' run as they are only half a game out of the wild-card race. Colon will be immediately suspended for 50 games without pay.



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